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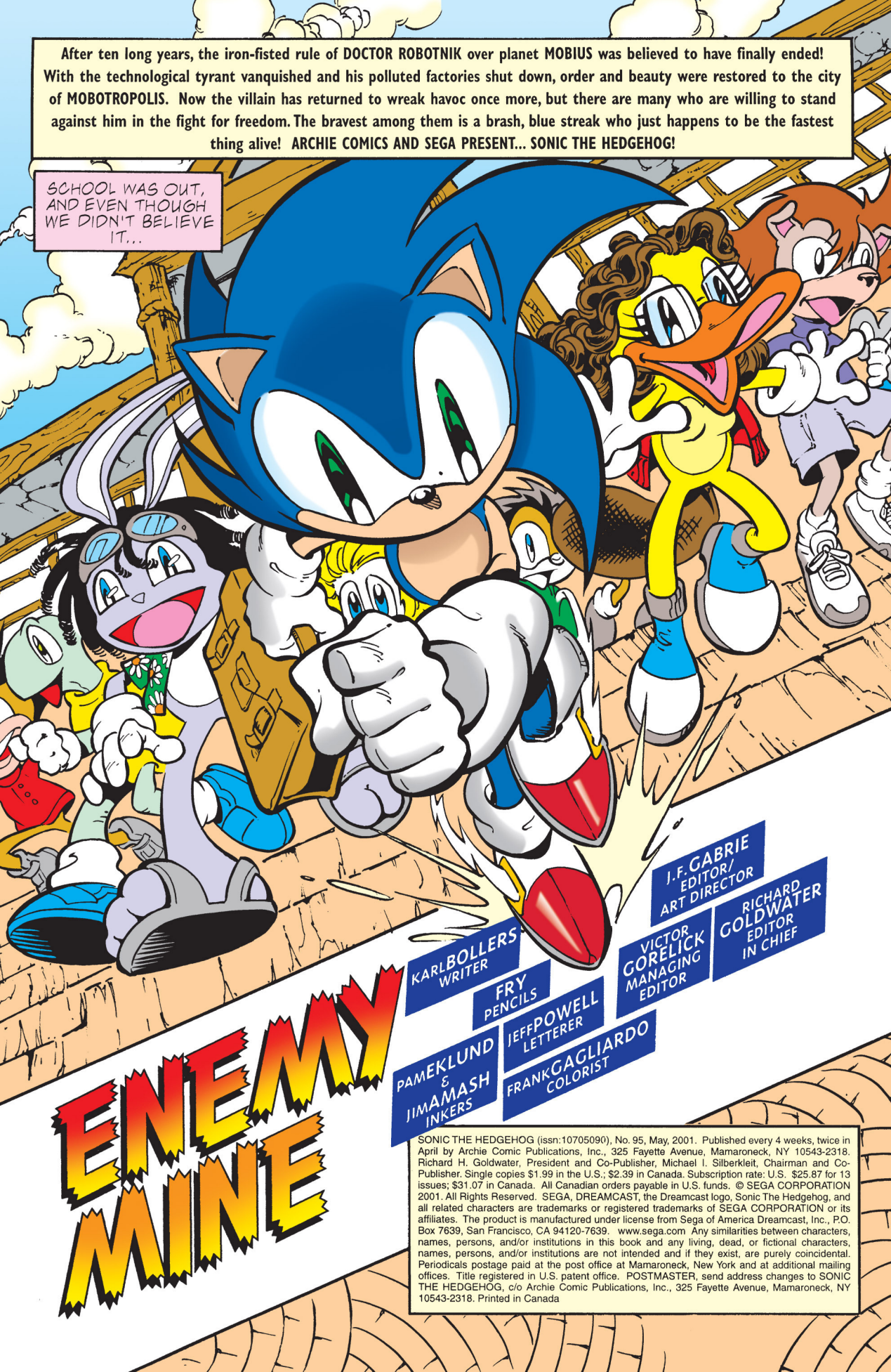

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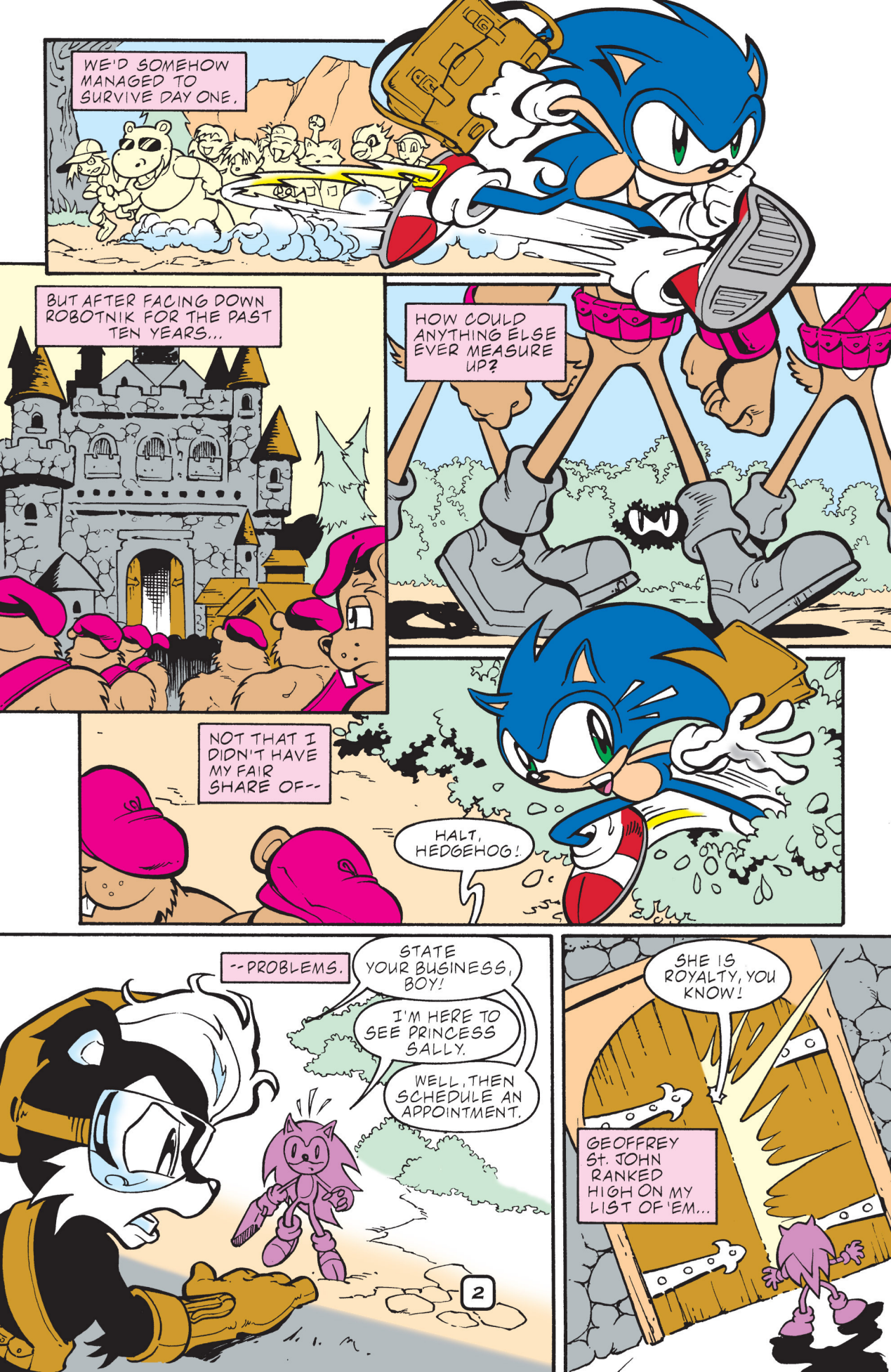
WE'D SOMEHOW MANAGED TO SURVIVE DAY ONE.
BUT AFTER FACING DOWN ROBOTNIK FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS...
HOW COULD ANYTHING ELSE EVER MEASURE UP?
NOT THAT I DIDN'T HAVE MY FAIR SHARE OF--
HALT, HEDGEHOG!
--PROBLEMS.
STATE YOUR BUSINESS, BOY!
I'M HERE TO SEE PRINCESS SALLY.
WELL, THEN SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT.
SHE IS ROYALTY, YOU KNOW!
GEOFFREY St. JOHN RANKED HIGH ON MY LIST OF 'EM...
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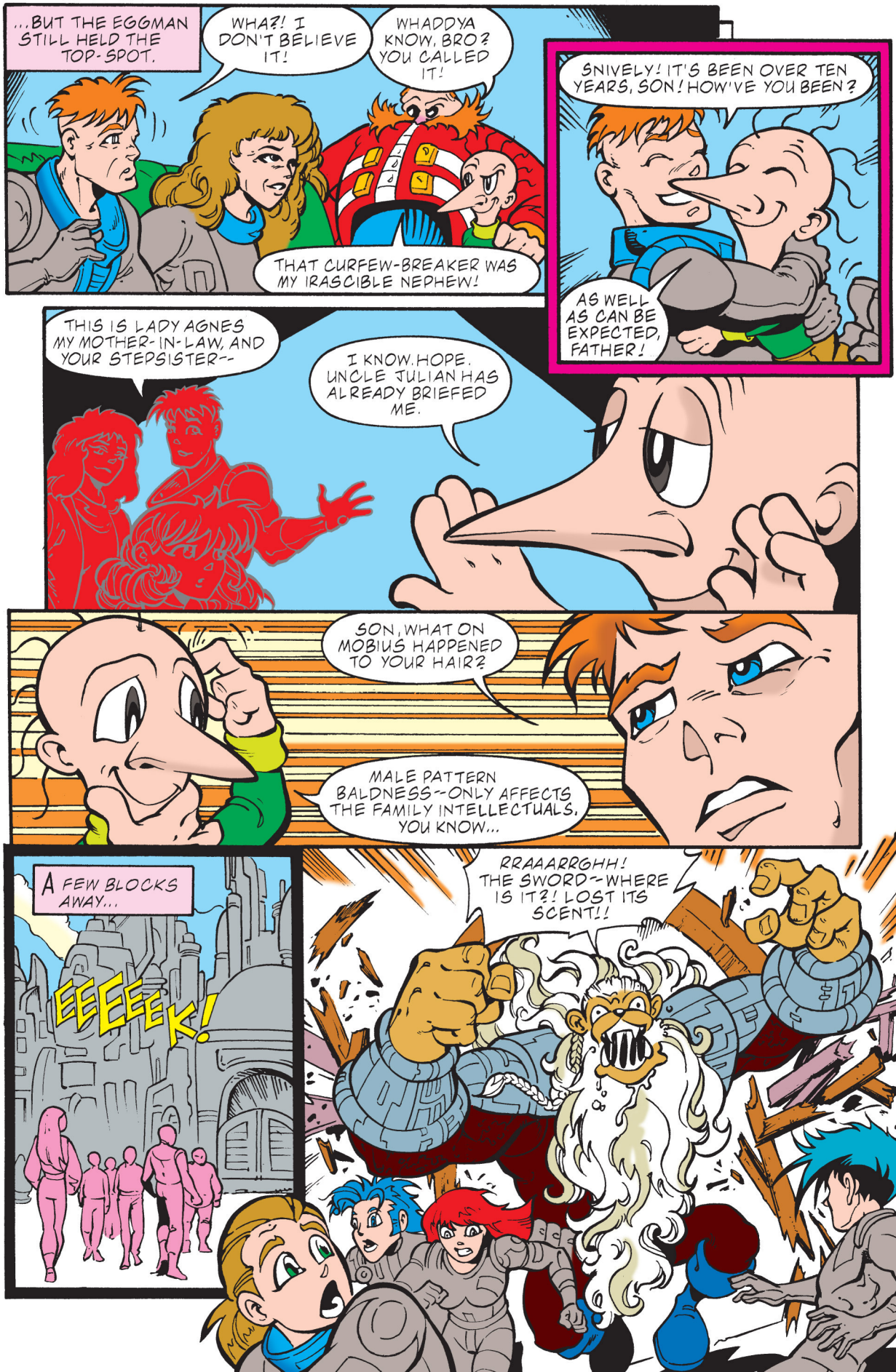
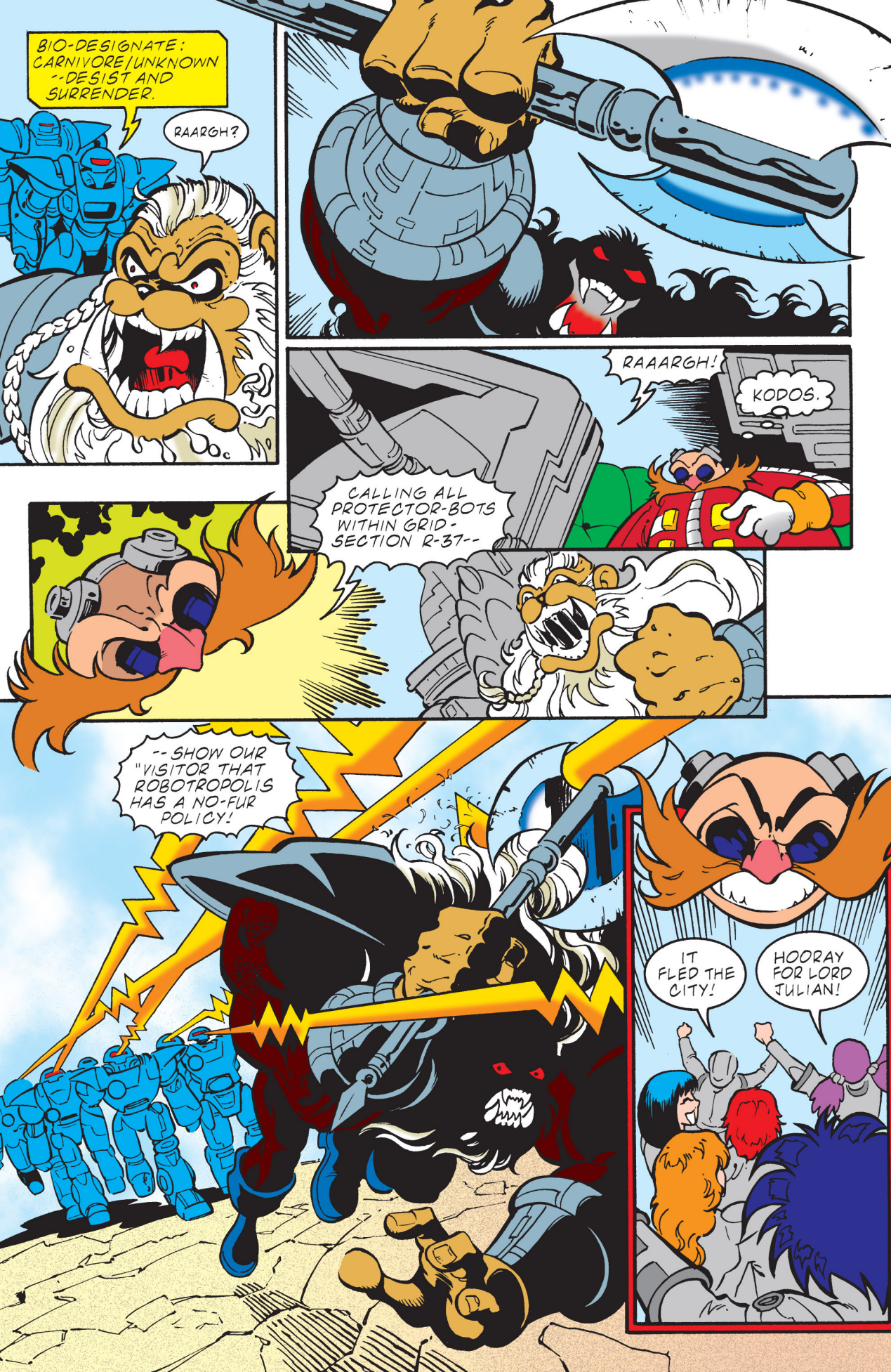
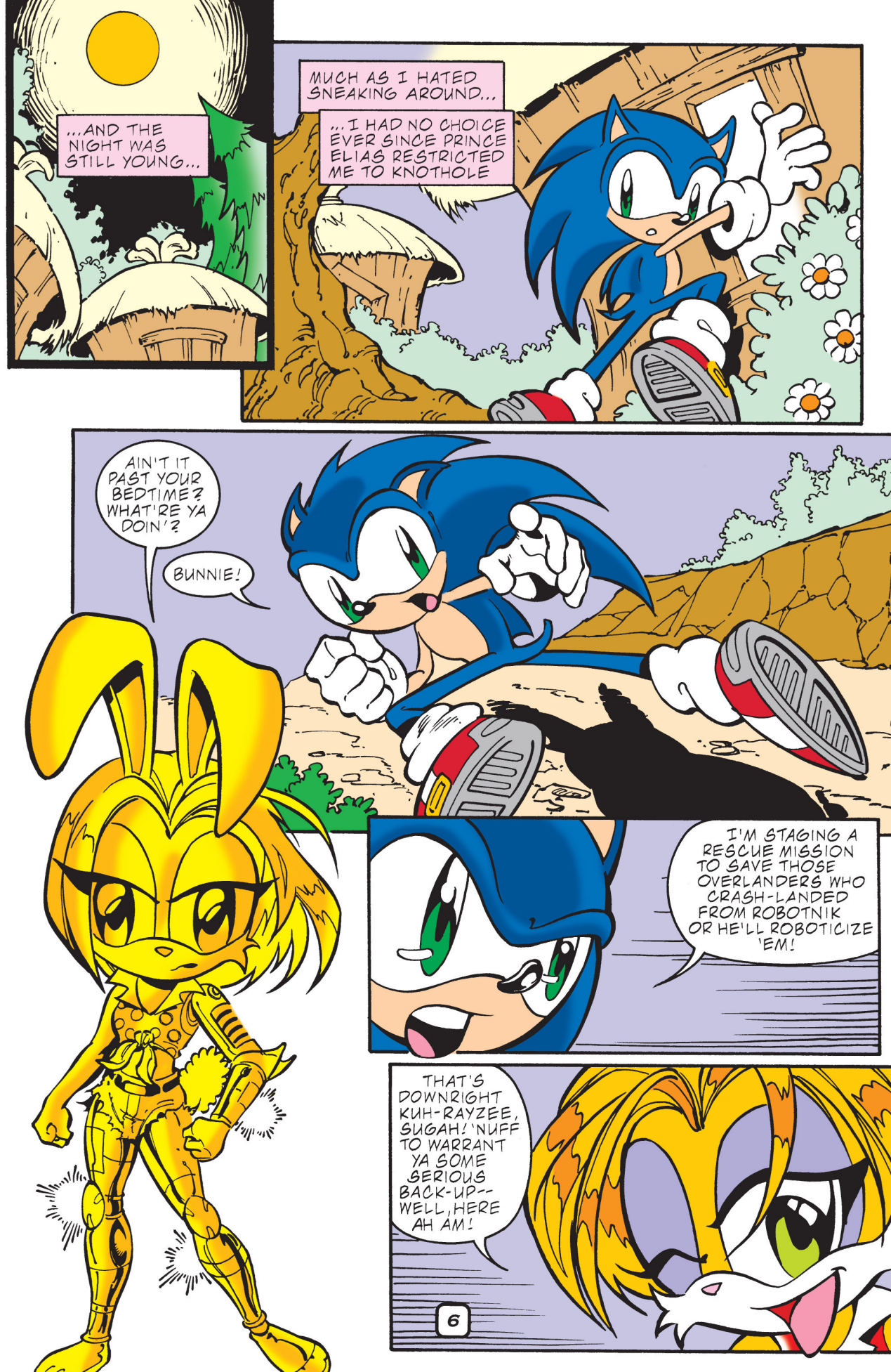
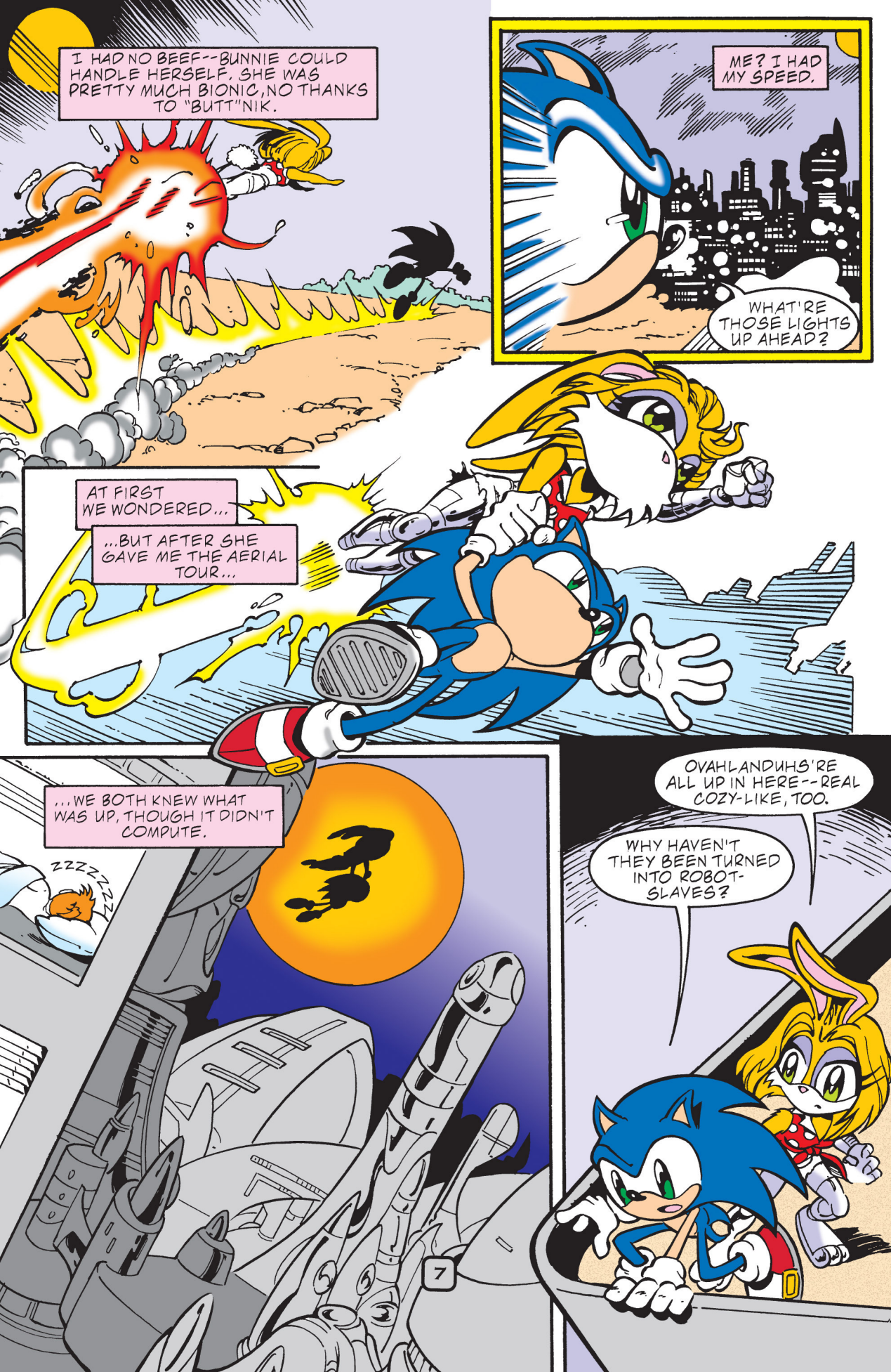
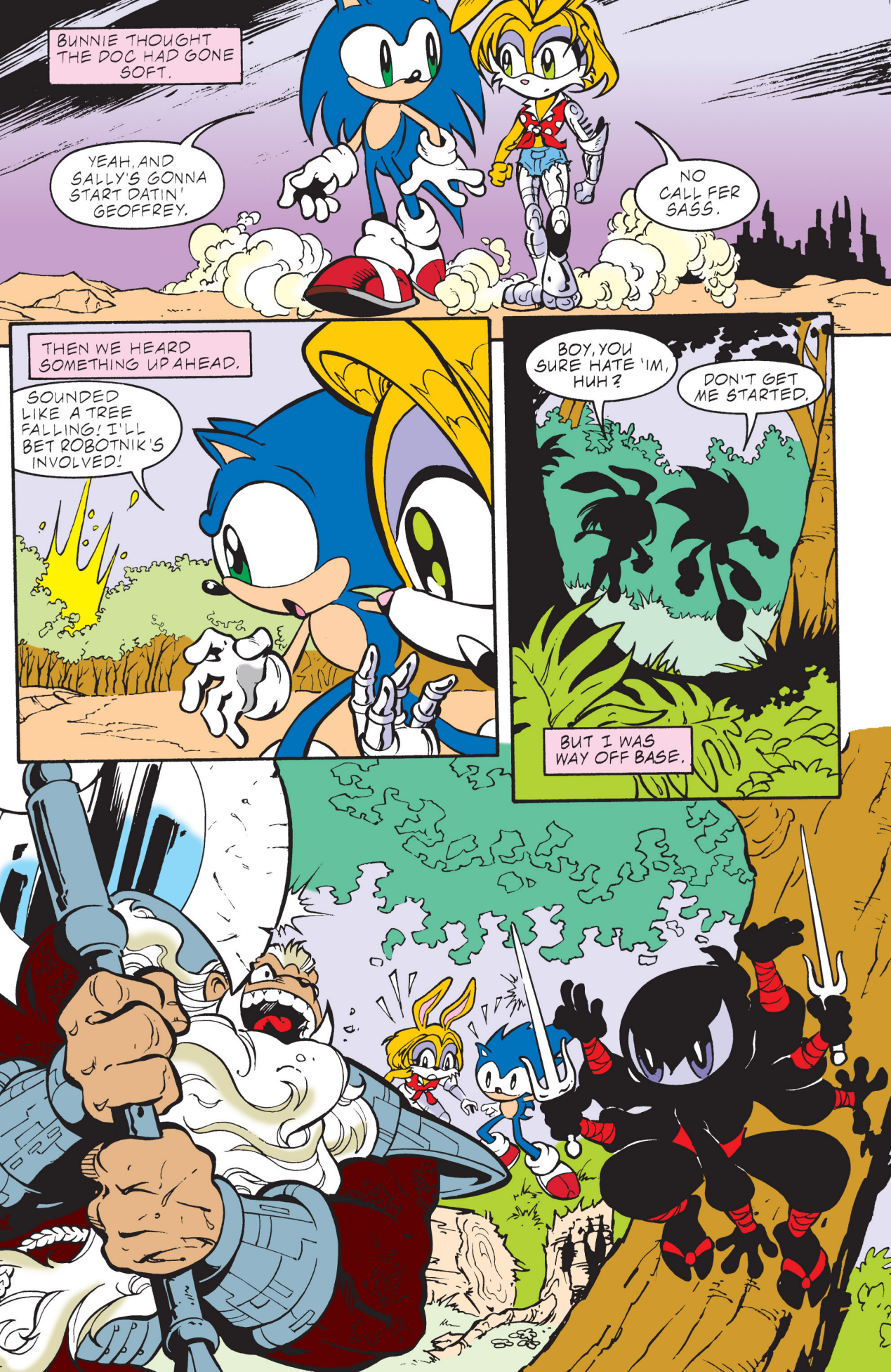

...BUT THE EGGMAN STILL HELD THE TOP-SPOT.
WHA?! I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
WHADDYA KNOW, BRO? YOU CALLED IT!
THAT CURFEW-BREAKER WAS MY IRASCIBLE NEPHEW!
SNIVELY! IT'S BEEN OVER TEN YEARS, SON! HOW'VE YOU BEEN?
AS WELL AS CAN BE EXPECTED, FATHER!
THIS IS LADY AGNES MY MOTHER-IN-LAW, AND YOUR STEPSISTER--
I KNOW. HOPE. UNCLE JULIAN HAS ALREADY BRIEFED ME.
SON, WHAT ON MOBIUS HAPPENED TO YOUR HAIR?
MALE PATTERN BALDNESS--ONLY AFFECTS THE FAMILY INTELLECTUALS, YOU KNOW...
A FEW BLOCKS AWAY...
EEEEEEK!
RRAAARRGHH! THE SWORD--WHERE IS IT?! LOST ITS SCENT!!

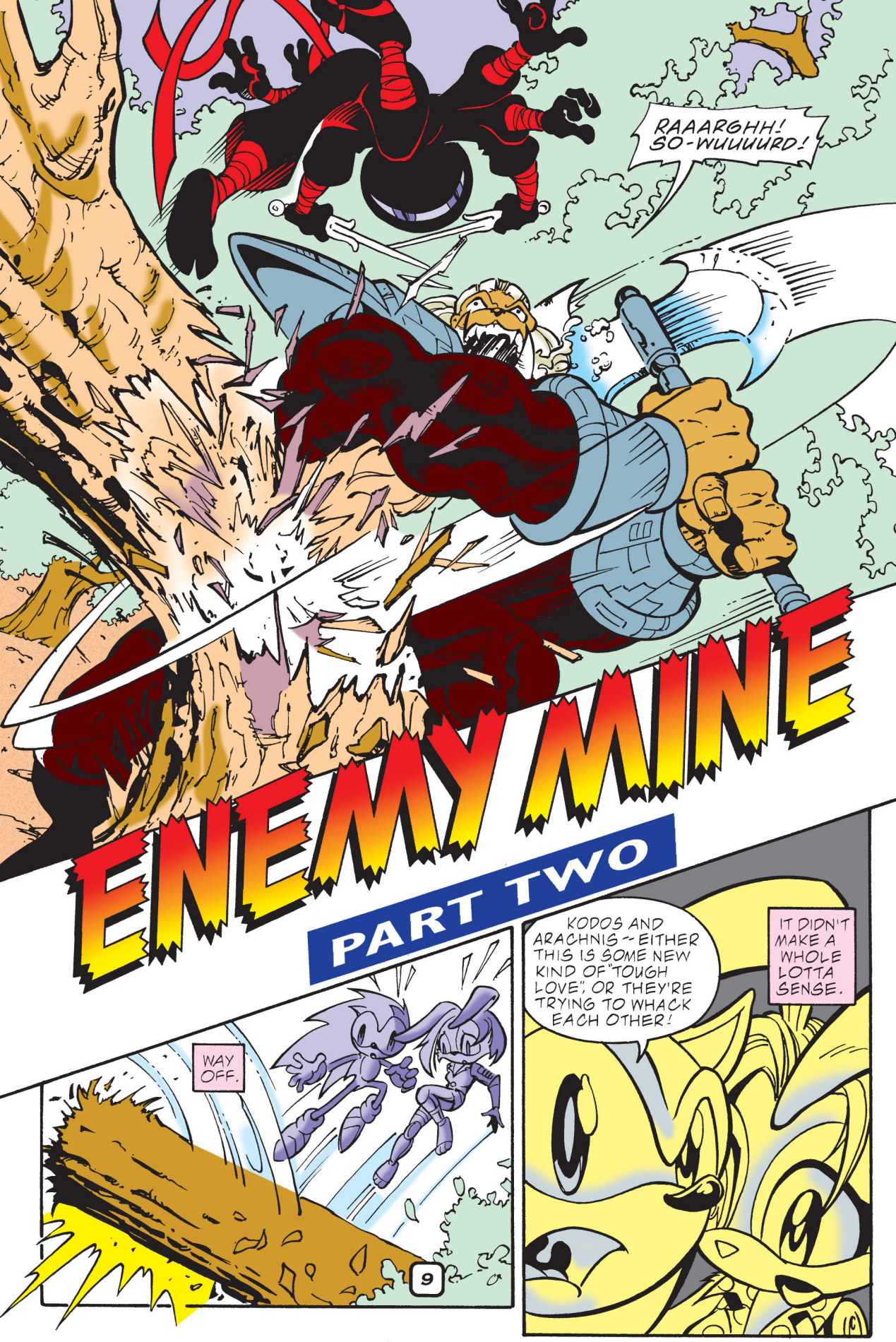

BIO-DESIGNATE: CARNIVORE/UNKNOWN --DESIST AND SURRENDER.
RAARGH?
RAAARGH!
KODOS.
CALLING ALL PROTECTOR-BOTS WITHIN GRID-SECTION R-37--
--SHOW OUR "VISITOR THAT ROBOTROPOLIS HAS A NO-FUR POLICY!
IT FLED THE CITY!
HOORAY FOR LORD JULIAN!

LOOKING BACK, WHEN I FOUND TAILS' BOOKBAG AND NO SIGN O' TAILS...
...I SHOULD'VE KNOWN SOMETHING WAS UP.
INSTEAD, I JUST THOUGHT I'D SAVED HIM A HEADACHE.
PROWER
HEY THERE, SON! HOW WAS SCHOOL?
EDUCATIONAL.
I REALLY LEARNED SOMETHING NEW TODAY...


...AND THE NIGHT WAS STILL YOUNG...
MUCH AS I HATED SNEAKING AROUND...
...I HAD NO CHOICE EVER SINCE PRINCE ELIAS RESTRICTED ME TO KNOTHOLE
AIN'T IT PAST YOUR BEDTIME? WHAT'RE YA DOIN'?
BUNNIE!
I'M STAGING A RESCUE MISSION TO SAVE THOSE OVERLANDERS WHO CRASH-LANDED FROM ROBOTNIK OR HE'LL ROBOTICIZE 'EM!
THAT'S DOWNRIGHT KUH-RAYZEE, SUGAH! 'NUFF TO WARRANT YA SOME SERIOUS BACK-UP-- WELL, HERE AH AM!


I HAD NO BEEF--BUNNIE COULD HANDLE HERSELF. SHE WAS PRETTY MUCH BIONIC, NO THANKS TO "BUTT"NIK.
ME? I HAD MY SPEED.
WHAT'RE THOSE LIGHTS UP AHEAD?
AT FIRST WE WONDERED...
...BUT AFTER SHE GAVE ME THE AERIAL TOUR...
...WE BOTH KNEW WHAT WAS UP, THOUGH IT DIDN'T COMPUTE.
ZZZZZZZZ
OVAHLANDUHS'RE ALL UP IN HERE--REAL COZY-LIKE, TOO.
WHY HAVEN'T THEY BEEN TURNED INTO ROBOT-SLAVES?


BUNNIE THOUGHT THE DOC HAD GONE SOFT.
YEAH, AND SALLY'S GONNA START DATIN' GEOFFREY.
NO CALL FER SASS.
THEN WE HEARD SOMETHING UP AHEAD.
SOUNDED LIKE A TREE FALLING! I'LL BET ROBOTNIK'S INVOLVED!
BOY, YOU SURE HATE 'IM, HUH?
DON'T GET ME STARTED.
BUT I WAS WAY OFF BASE.


RAAARGHH! SO-WUUUURD!
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PART TWO
KODOS AND ARACHNIS -- EITHER THIS IS SOME NEW KIND OF "TOUGH LOVE", OR THEY'RE TRYING TO WHACK EACH OTHER!
IT DIDN'T MAKE A WHOLE LOTTA SENSE.
WAY OFF.
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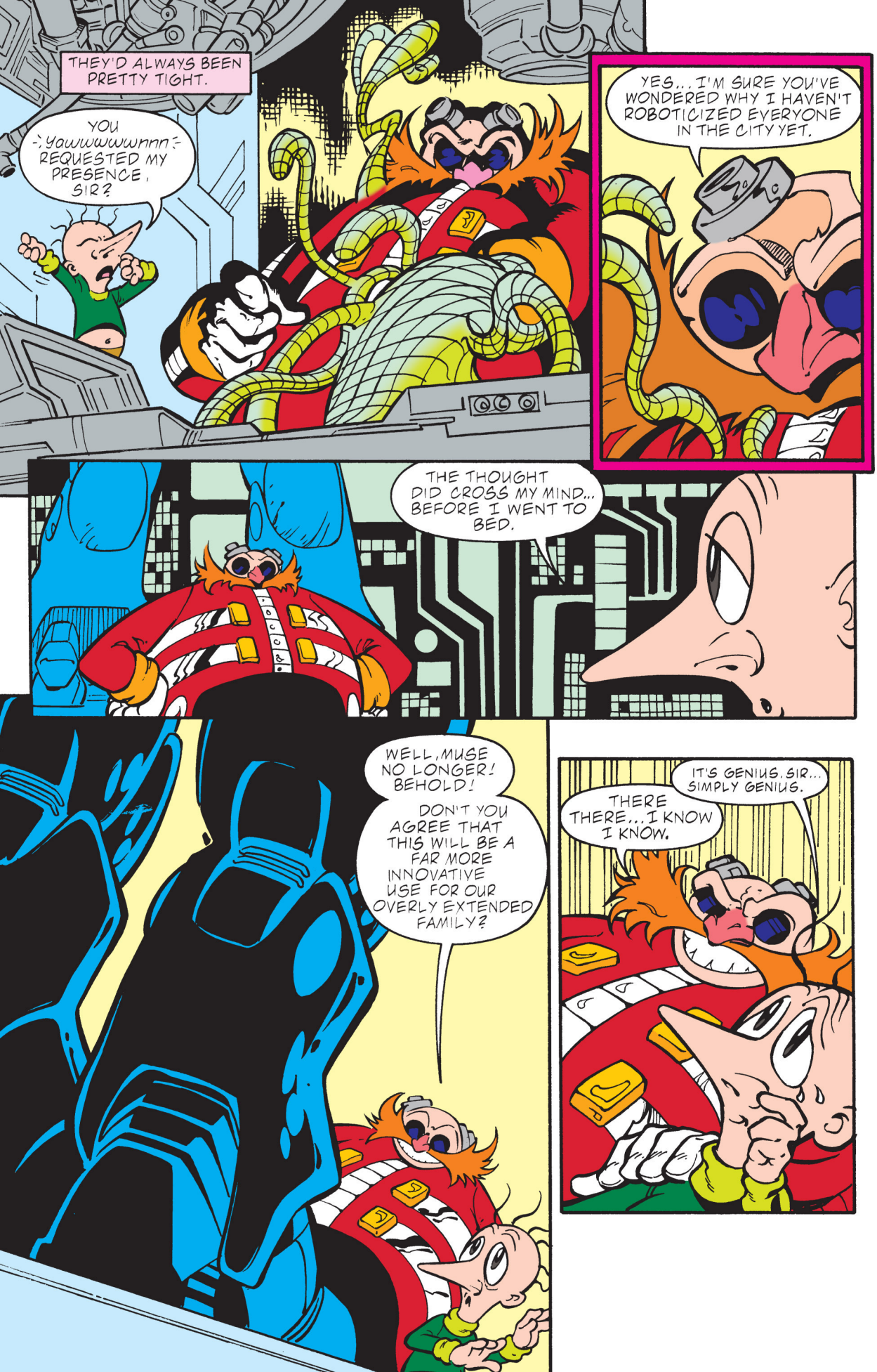
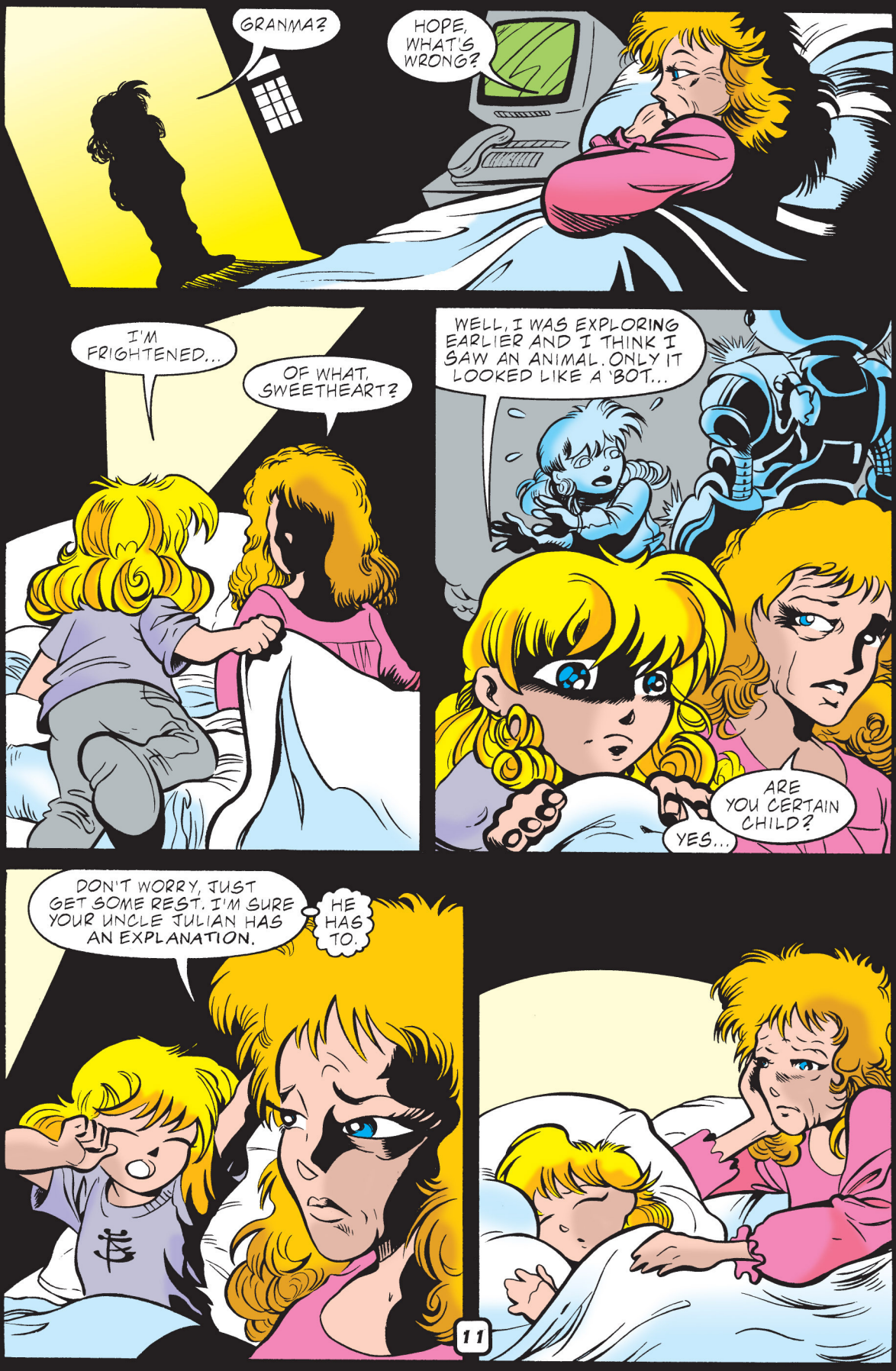
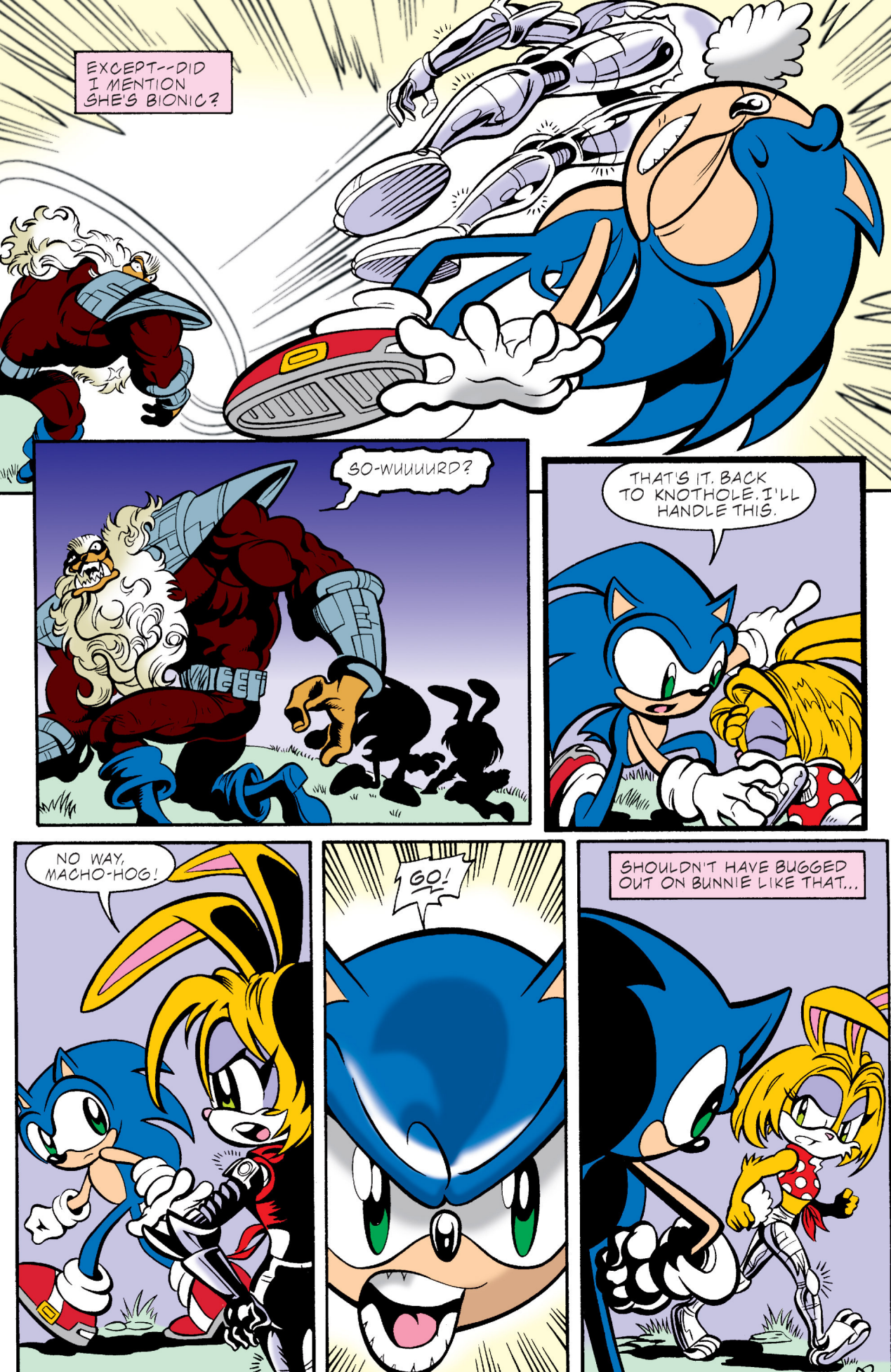
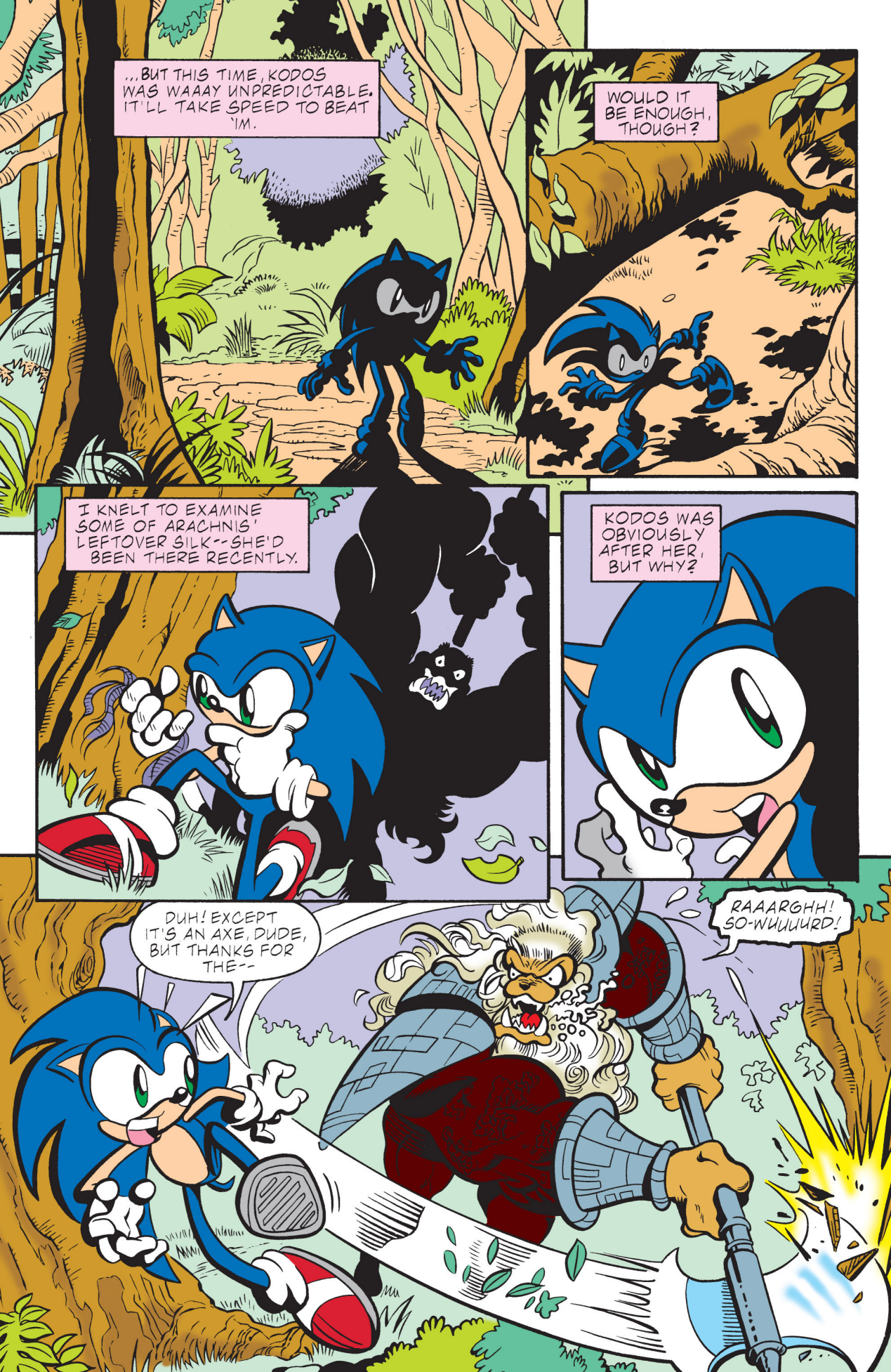
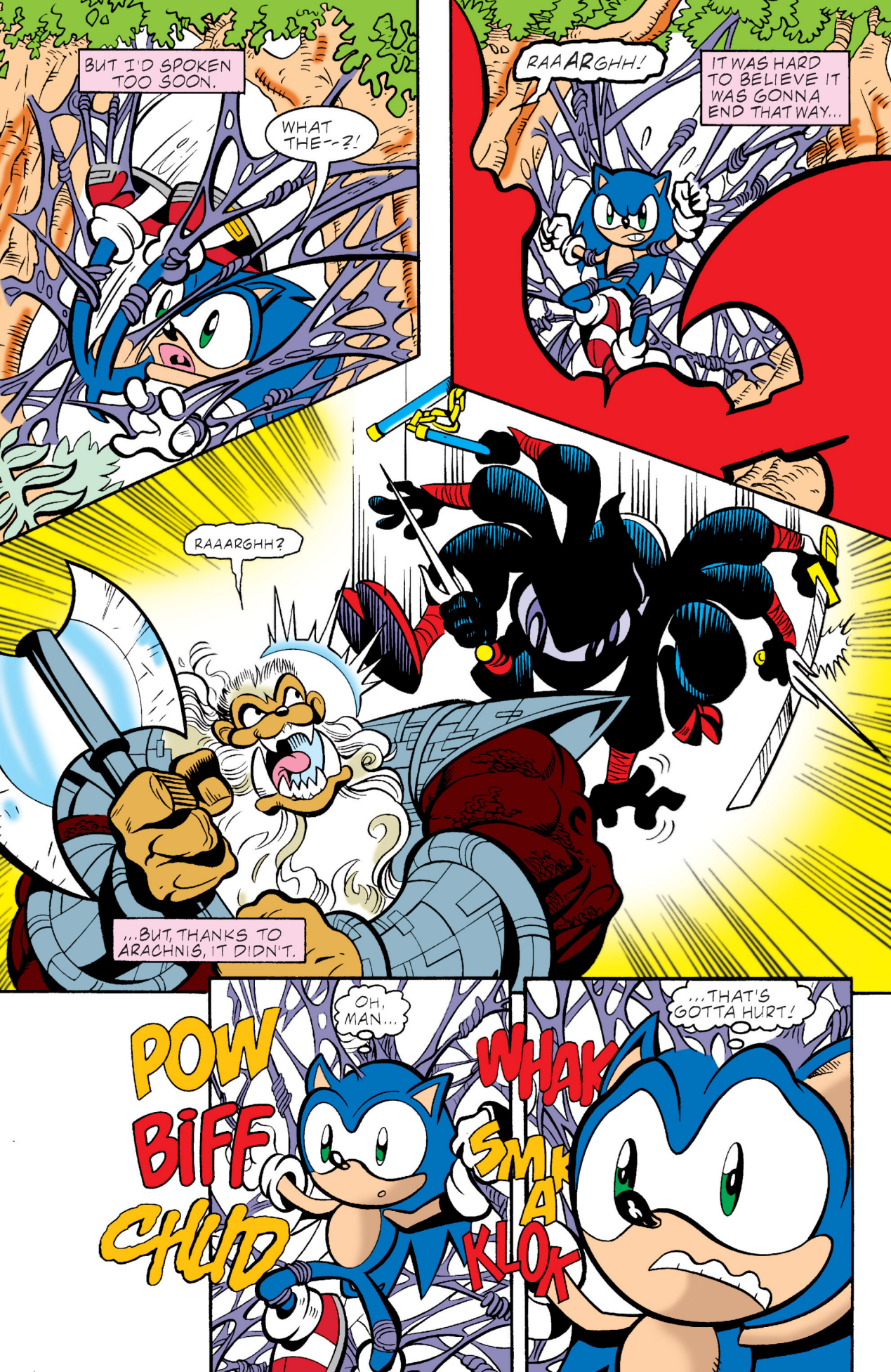

THEY'D ALWAYS BEEN PRETTY TIGHT.
YOU -;yawwwwwnnn;- REQUESTED MY PRESENCE, SIR?
YES... I'M SURE YOU'VE WONDERED WHY I HAVEN'T ROBOTICIZED EVERYONE IN THE CITY YET.
THE THOUGHT DID CROSS MY MIND... BEFORE I WENT TO BED.
WELL, MUSE NO LONGER! BEHOLD!
DON'T YOU AGREE THAT THIS WILL BE A FAR MORE INNOVATIVE USE FOR OUR OVERLY EXTENDED FAMILY?
IT'S GENIUS, SIR... SIMPLY GENIUS.
THERE THERE... I KNOW I KNOW.

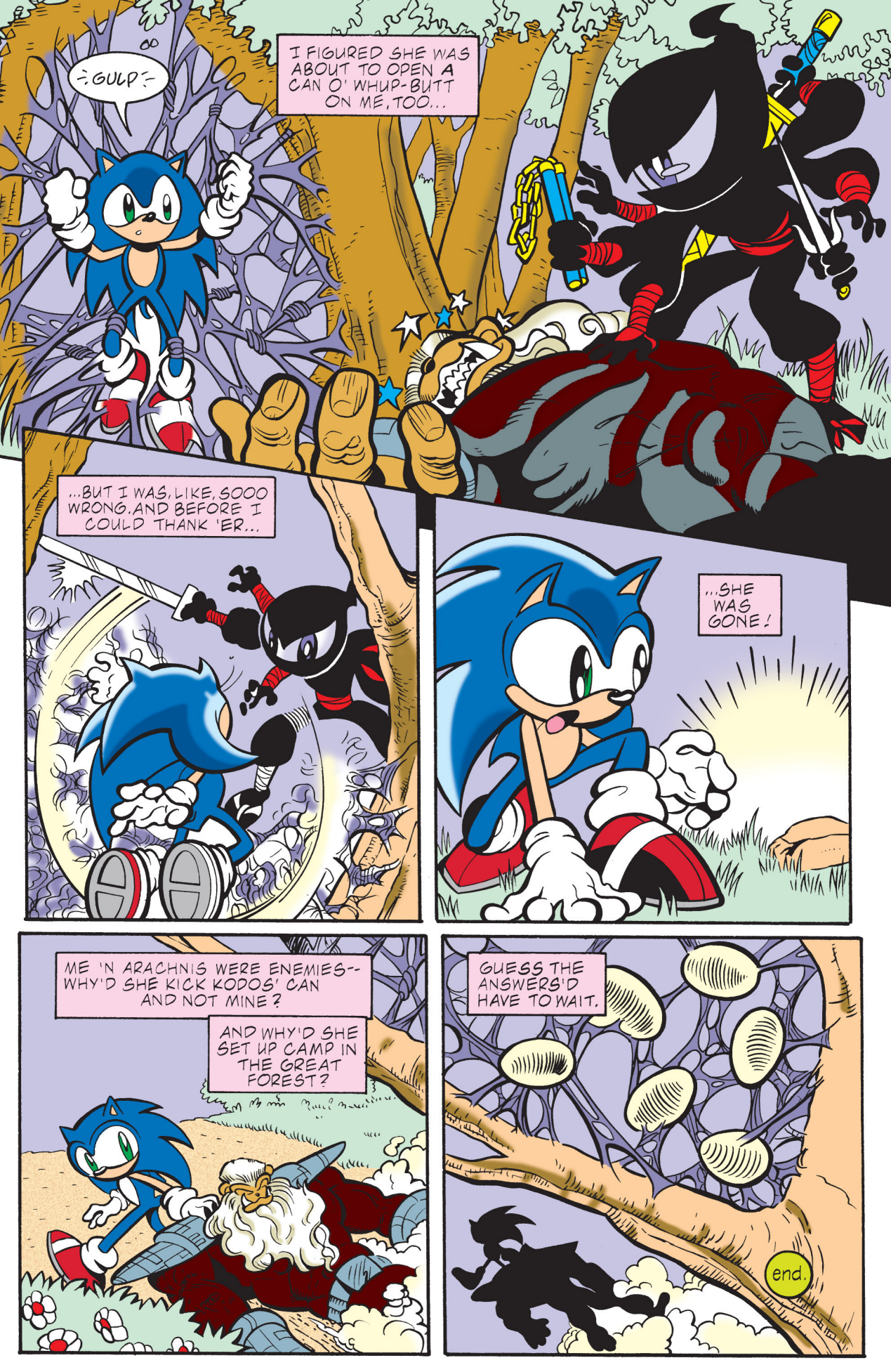

GRANMA?
HOPE, WHAT'S WRONG?
I'M FRIGHTENED...
OF WHAT, SWEETHEART?
WELL, I WAS EXPLORING EARLIER AND I THINK I SAW AN ANIMAL. ONLY IT LOOKED LIKE A 'BOT...
ARE YOU CERTAIN CHILD?
YES...
DON'T WORRY, JUST GET SOME REST. I'M SURE YOUR UNCLE JULIAN HAS AN EXPLANATION.
HE HAS TO.

COULDN'T BLAME ARACHNIS FOR BEING ON THE OUTS WITH KODOS. SURE, HE WAS ALWAYS A BIT OF A PSYCHO...
...BUT NOW HE HAD TURNED INTO A TOTAL NUT-JOB.
RAAARR--!
AH'M NO DOCTUH, BUT AH THINK THIS ONE'S FLOWN OVAH THE CUCKOO'S NES--
--WHA?!
FLOWN, BUT NOT TOO FAR-- HE PRETENDED TO BE OUT COLD SO AS TO GET THE JUMP ON BUNNIE.
RAAARGHH!
IT WAS LIKE SEEING KING MAX ALL OVER AGAIN.


EXCEPT--DID I MENTION SHE'S BIONIC?
SO-WUUUURD?
THAT'S IT. BACK TO KNOTHOLE. I'LL HANDLE THIS.
NO WAY, MACHO-HOG!
GO!
SHOULDN'T HAVE BUGGED OUT ON BUNNIE LIKE THAT...


...BUT THIS TIME, KODOS WAS WAAAY UNPREDICTABLE. IT'LL TAKE SPEED TO BEAT 'IM.
WOULD IT BE ENOUGH, THOUGH?
I KNELT TO EXAMINE SOME OF ARACHNIS' LEFTOVER SILK--SHE'D BEEN THERE RECENTLY.
KODOS WAS OBVIOUSLY AFTER HER, BUT WHY?
DUH! EXCEPT IT'S AN AXE, DUDE, BUT THANKS FOR THE--
RAAARGHH! SO-WUUUURD!


BUT I'D SPOKEN TOO SOON.
WHAT THE--?!
RAAARGHH!
IT WAS HARD TO BELIEVE IT WAS GONNA END THAT WAY...
RAAARGHH?
...BUT, THANKS TO ARACHNIS, IT DIDN'T.
OH, MAN...
...THAT'S GOTTA HURT!
POW
BIFF
CHUD
WHAK
SMA
KLOK


:-GULP-:
I FIGURED SHE WAS ABOUT TO OPEN A CAN O' WHUP-BUTT ON ME, TOO...
...BUT I WAS, LIKE, SOOO WRONG. AND BEFORE I COULD THANK 'ER...
...SHE WAS GONE!
ME 'N ARACHNIS WERE ENEMIES-- WHY'D SHE KICK KODOS' CAN AND NOT MINE?
AND WHY'D SHE SET UP CAMP IN THE GREAT FOREST?
GUESS THE ANSWERS'D HAVE TO WAIT.
end.

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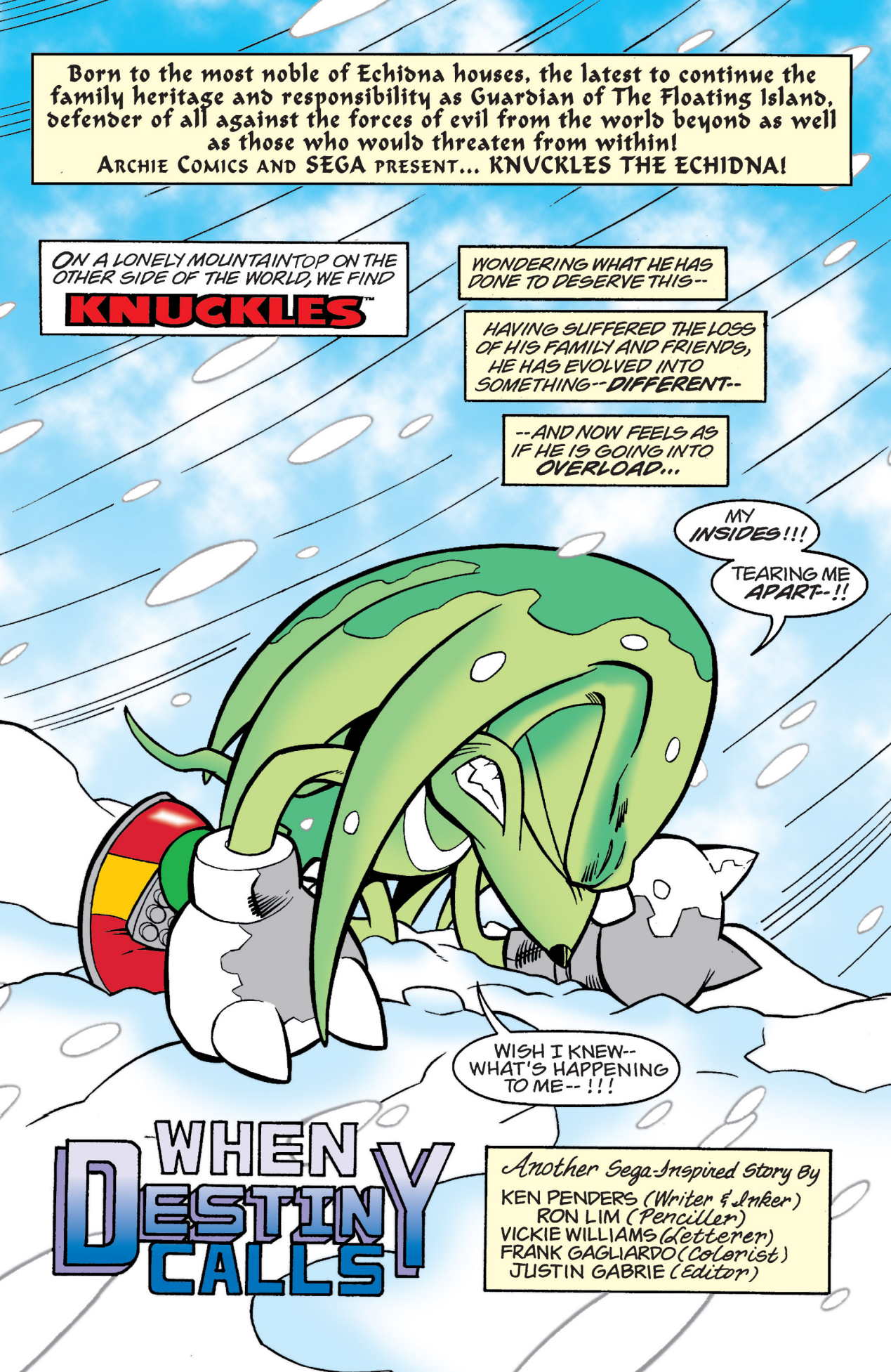
ON A LONELY MOUNTAINTOP ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD, WE FIND KNUCKLES™
WONDERING WHAT HE HAS DONE TO DESERVE THIS--
HAVING SUFFERED THE LOSS OF HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS, HE HAS EVOLVED INTO SOMETHING--DIFFERENT--
--AND NOW FEELS AS IF HE IS GOING INTO OVERLOAD...
MY INSIDES!!!
TEARING ME APART--!!
WISH I KNEW-- WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME--!!!

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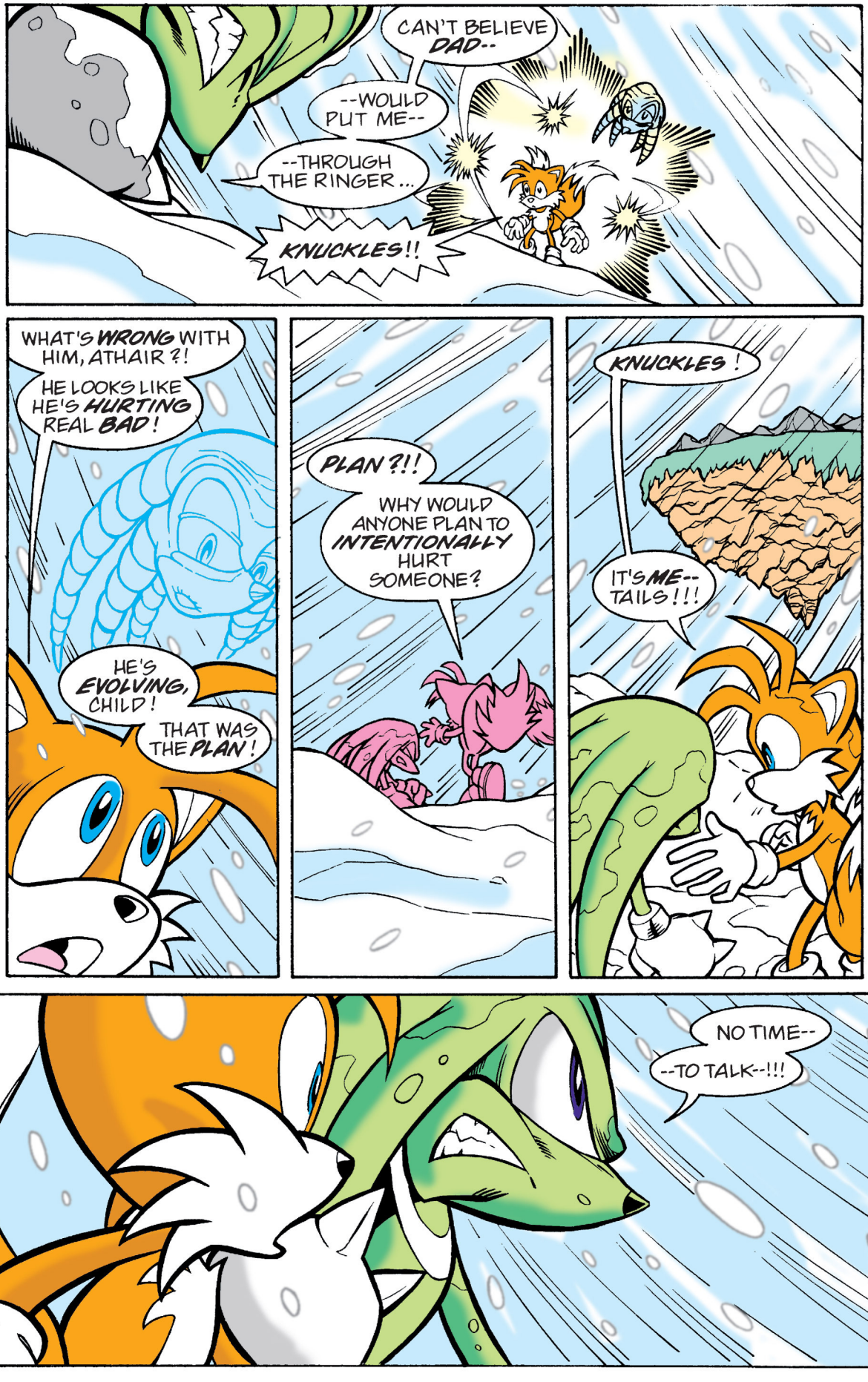
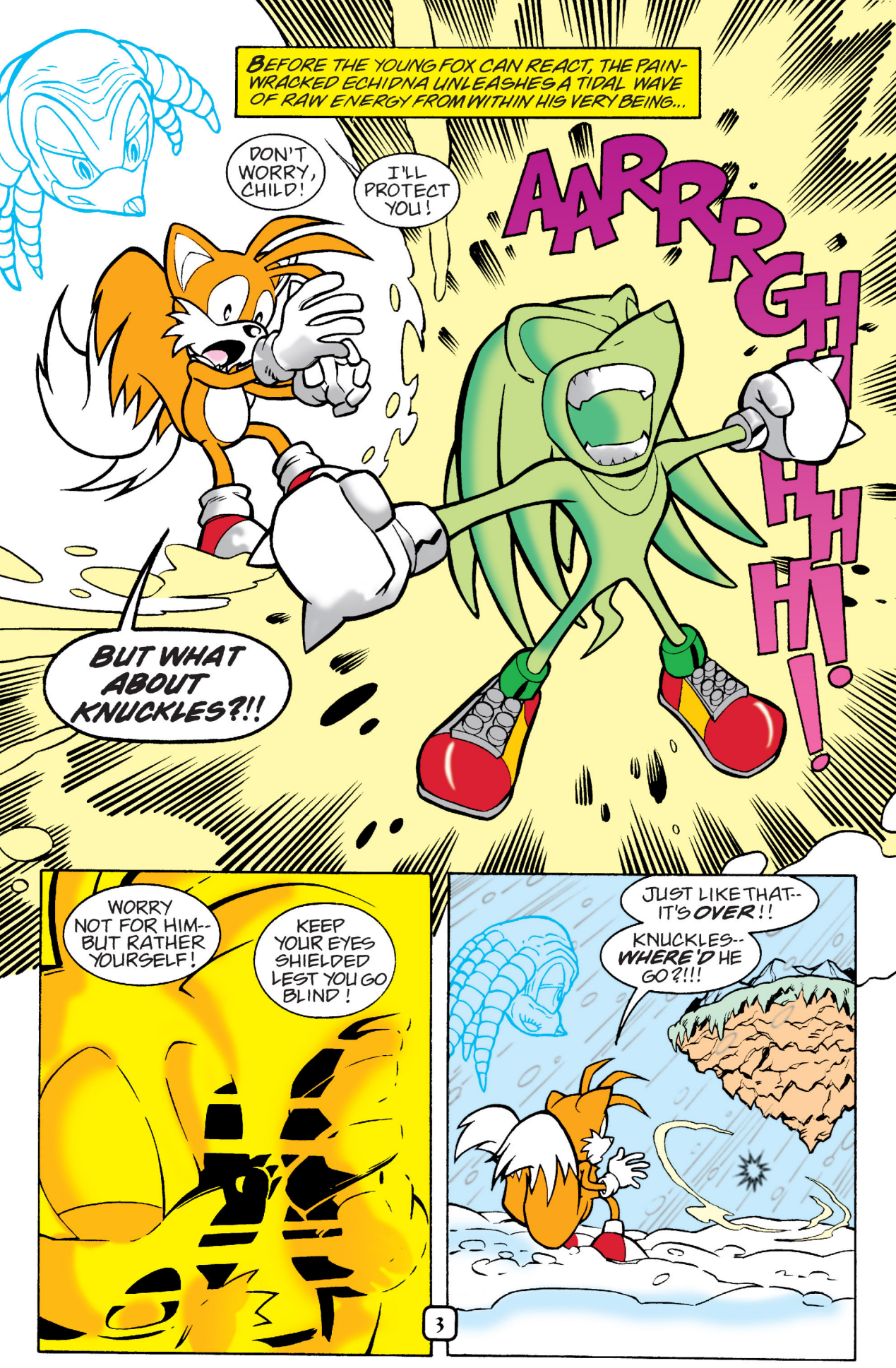
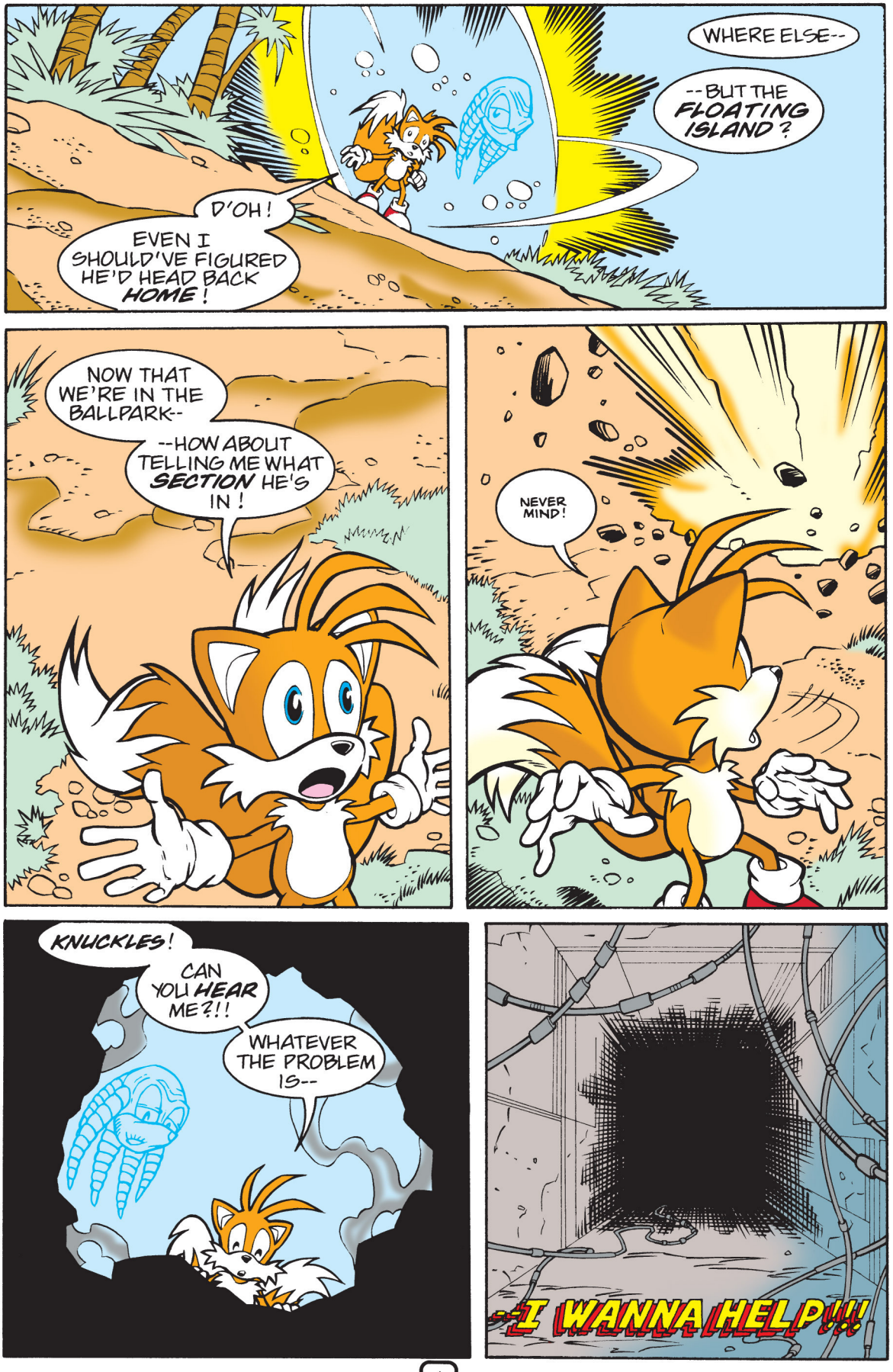
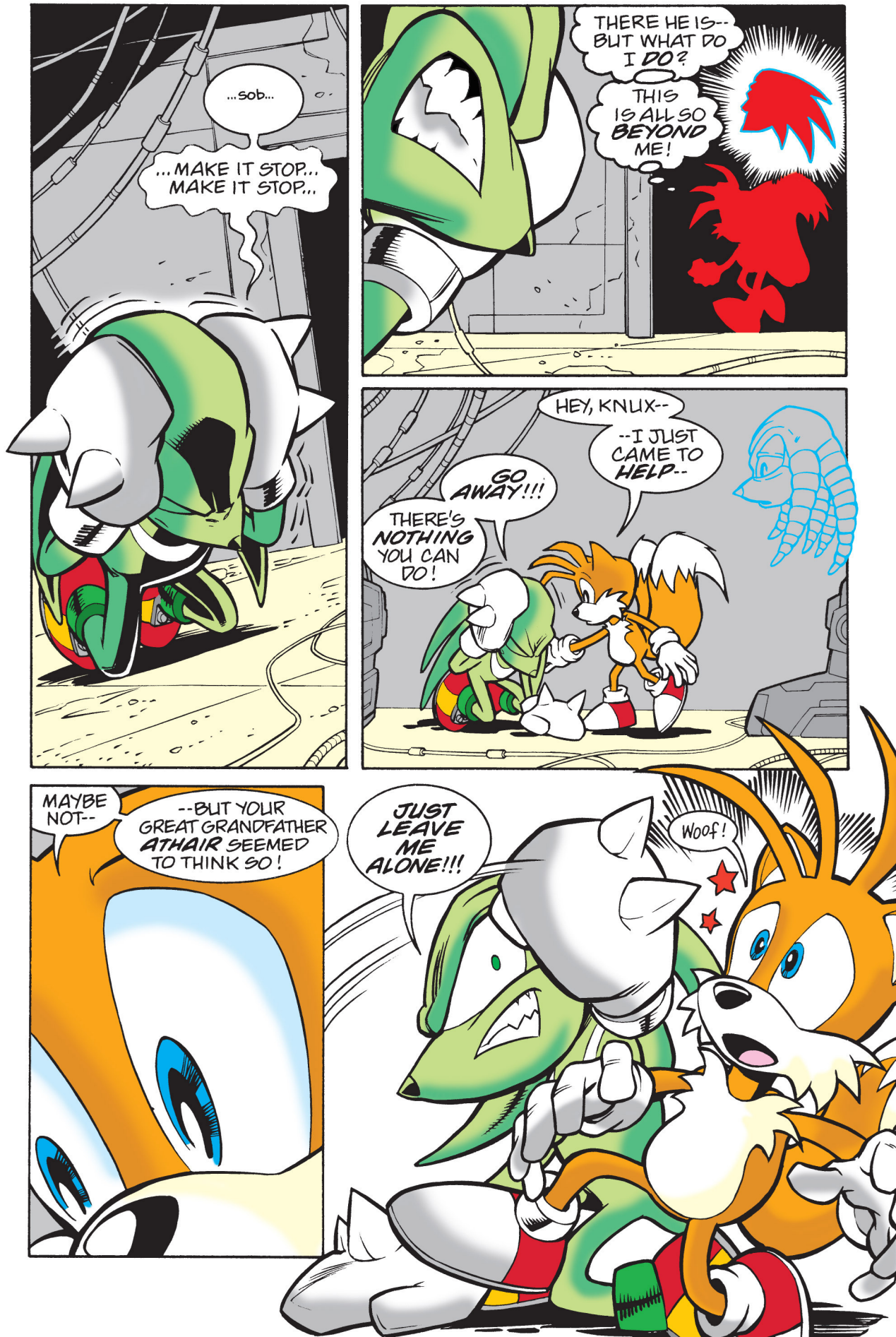
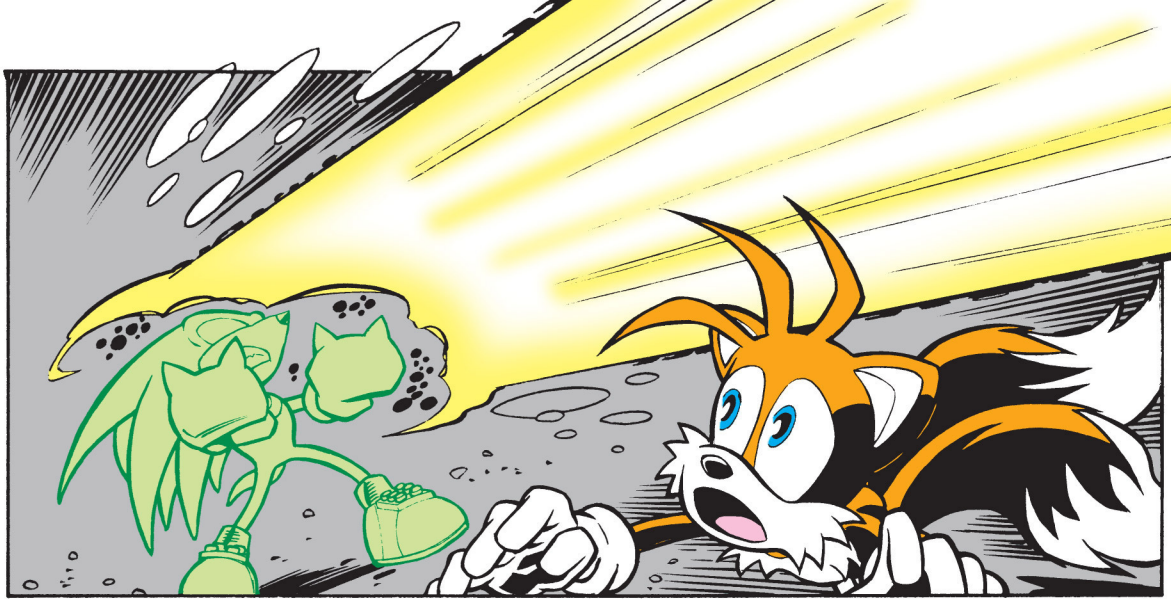
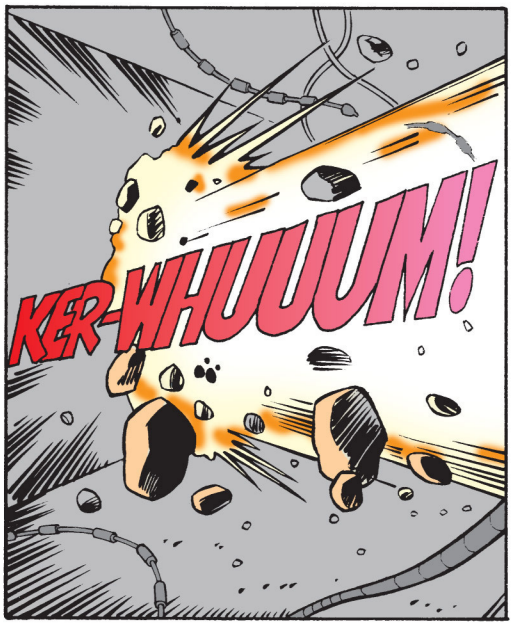

CAN'T BELIEVE DAD--
--WOULD PUT ME--
--THROUGH THE RINGER...
KNUCKLES!!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM, ATHAIR?!
HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S HURTING REAL BAD!
HE'S EVOLVING, CHILD!
THAT WAS THE PLAN!
PLAN?!!
WHY WOULD ANYONE PLAN TO INTENTIONALLY HURT SOMEONE?
KNUCKLES!
IT'S ME-- TAILS!!!
NO TIME--
--TO TALK--!!!


BEFORE THE YOUNG FOX CAN REACT, THE PAIN-WRACKED ECHIDNA UNLEASHES A TIDAL WAVE OF RAW ENERGY FROM WITHIN HIS VERY BEING...
DON'T WORRY, CHILD!
I'LL PROTECT YOU!
AARRRGHHHH!!
BUT WHAT ABOUT KNUCKLES?!!
WORRY NOT FOR HIM-- BUT RATHER YOURSELF!
KEEP YOUR EYES SHIELDED LEST YOU GO BLIND!
JUST LIKE THAT-- IT'S OVER!!
KNUCKLES-- WHERE'D HE GO?!!!

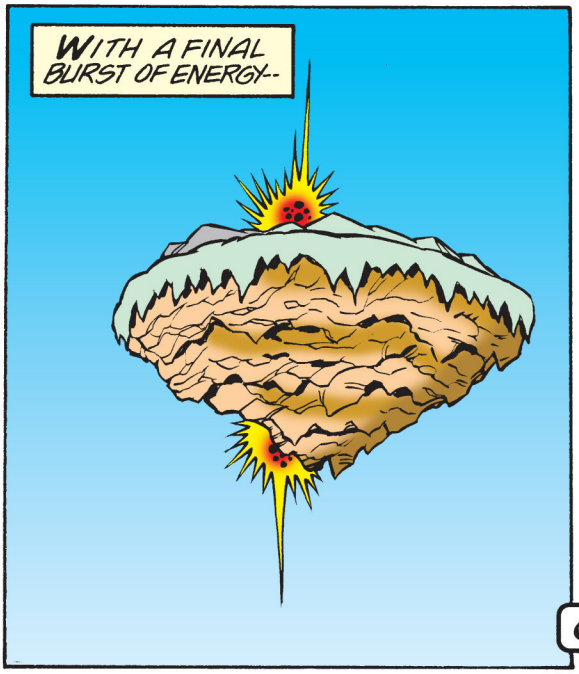

WHERE ELSE--
--BUT THE FLOATING ISLAND?
D'OH!
EVEN I SHOULD'VE FIGURED HE'D HEAD BACK HOME!
NOW THAT WE'RE IN THE BALLPARK--
--HOW ABOUT TELLING ME WHAT SECTION HE'S IN!
NEVER MIND!
KNUCKLES!
CAN YOU HEAR ME?!!
WHATEVER THE PROBLEM IS--
I WANNA HELP!!!!

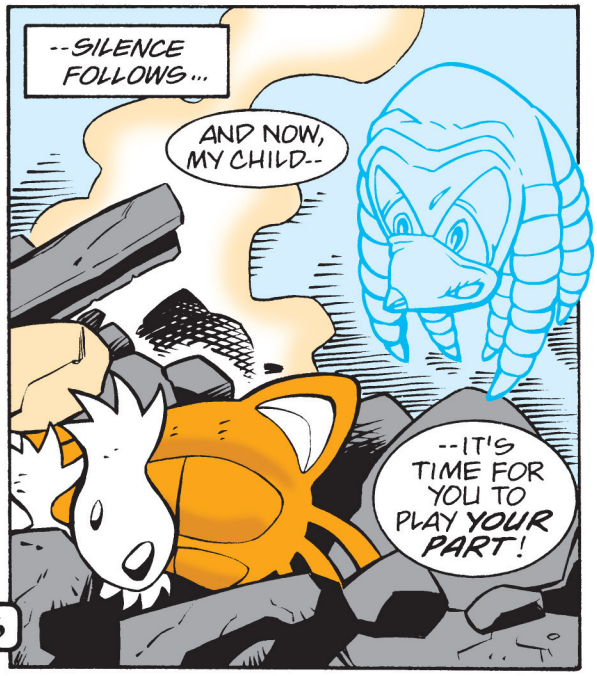

...sob...
...MAKE IT STOP... MAKE IT STOP...
THERE HE IS-- BUT WHAT DO I DO?
THIS IS ALL SO BEYOND ME!
HEY, KNUX--
--I JUST CAME TO HELP--
GO AWAY!!!
THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO!
MAYBE NOT--
--BUT YOUR GREAT GRANDFATHER ATHAIR SEEMED TO THINK SO!
JUST LEAVE ME ALONE!!!
Woof!

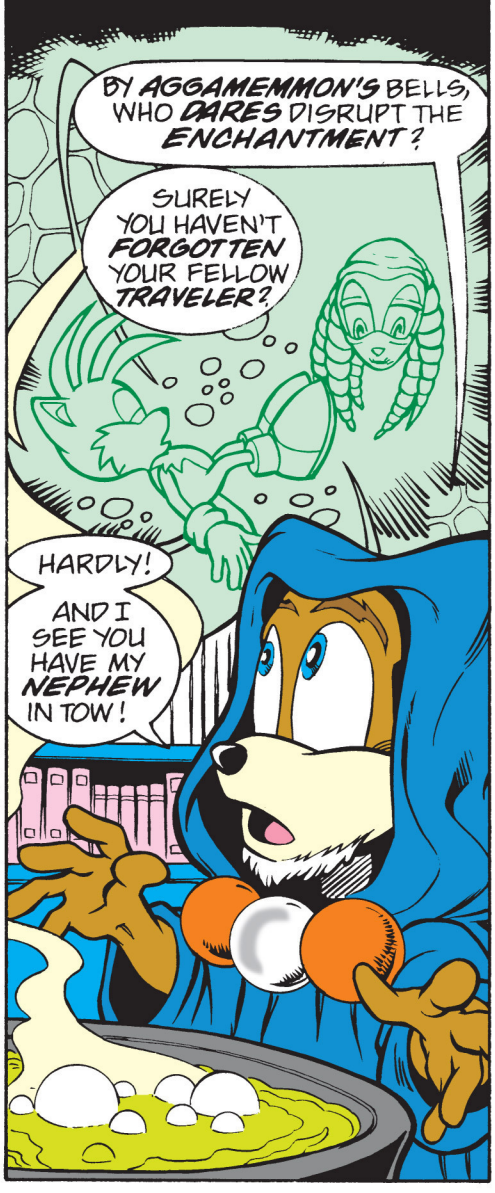


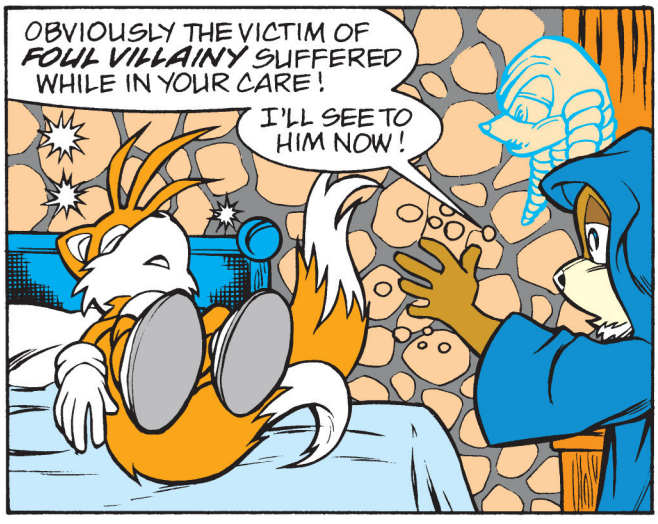

KER-WHUUUM!

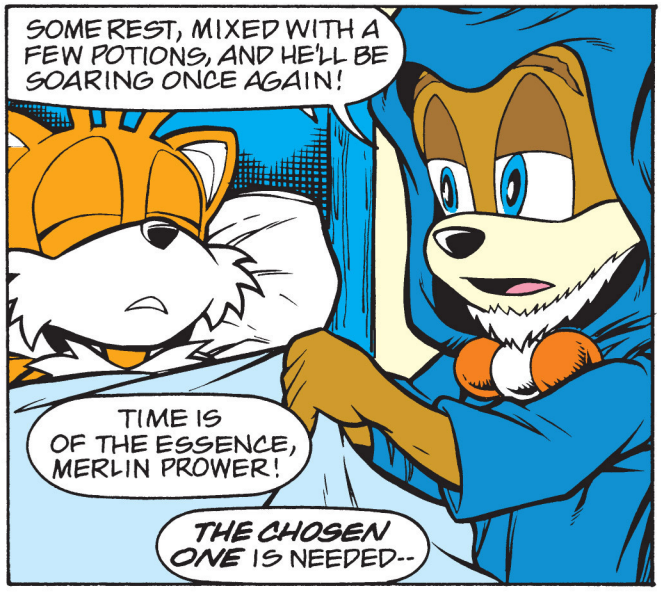
HEY!!!


WITH A FINAL BURST OF ENERGY--


--SILENCE FOLLOWS...
AND NOW, MY CHILD--
--IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO PLAY YOUR PART!


BY AGGAMEMMON'S BELLS, WHO DARES DISRUPT THE ENCHANTMENT?
SURELY YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN YOUR FELLOW TRAVELER?
HARDLY!
AND I SEE YOU HAVE MY NEPHEW IN TOW!


OBVIOUSLY THE VICTIM OF FOUL VILLAINY SUFFERED WHILE IN YOUR CARE!
I'LL SEE TO HIM NOW!


SOME REST, MIXED WITH A FEW POTIONS, AND HE'LL BE SOARING ONCE AGAIN!
TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, MERLIN PROWER!
THE CHOSEN ONE IS NEEDED--

--AND YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN CALL HIM FORTH!
AND WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I WILL, ATHAIR?

HE'S BUT A MERE LAD!
AND HIS DESTINY ISN'T TO SAVE THE ECHIDNAS FROM THEMSELVES!!

AGREED! THAT TASK WAS ASSIGNED TO KNUCKLES!
BUT UNFORESEEN EVENTS HAVE ALTERED THE LIFE EQUATION--
--AND NOW ONLY YOUR YOUNGEST NEPHEW MAY BE ALL THAT STANDS BETWEEN DELIVERANCE OR ANNIHILATION!
HOW CAN ONE YOUNG FOX ACHIEVE THAT WHICH THE ANCIENT WALKERS CANNOT?
THE VERY CONCEPT STAGGERS THE IMAGINATION!
BECAUSE THEY ARE DYING--
--AND I AM INCAPABLE WITHOUT HIM!
AND UNLESS WE ACT SOON--
--WORLDS UPON WORLDS SHALL FALL!
NEXT: MAKE WAY FOR... TURBO-TAILS!!!